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Before Commissioners:

Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman;

W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc, III, Vice Chairman; Ruth Y. Goldway; and George A. Omas

General Review of the Rules of Practice

Docket No. RM98-3

ORDER GRANTING POSTAL SERVICE MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF COMMENT DEADLINE

(October 29, 1998)

The Postal Service has requested that the October 28, 1998 deadline for filing comments in this docket be extended to December 2, 1998. The Service asserts that the extension would provide an opportunity for it to complete a more comprehensive review and to seek assistance from various sources. Postal Service Motion for Extension of Time to Provide Comments (October 23, 1998) at 1, citing Order No. 1218.

Given the Service's representation that the additional time will allow it to formulate suggestions for broad-based improvements in the Commission's rules, its motion is granted; however, commenters who are prepared to file sooner than December 2, 1998, are encouraged to do so.

It is ordered:

The Postal Service's October 23, 1998 motion requesting that the comment deadline in Docket No. RM98-3 be extended from October 28, 1998 to December 2, 1998 is granted.

By the Commission.

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Margaret P. Crenshaw

Secretary